

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REGULATING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATES OF DECEDENTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1 That section 2420 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting
2 after the word “legacies” in the fifth clause of said section the words, “and distributive
3 shares.”

SEC. 2. That section 2421 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out
2 of the fourth and fifth lines the following words, “unless peculiar circumstances entitle the
3 claimant to equitable relief.”

SEC. 3. That section 2430 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting
2 after the words, “legacies payable in money” the words, “and the distributive shares of
3 the personality.”

SEC. 4. That section 2431 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting
2 after the the words, “such legacies” the words, “and such distributive shares.”

SEC. 5. That section 2469 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by striking
2 from the tenth line thereof the words “three years,” and by inserting in lieu thereof the
3 words “eighteen months.”

SEC. 6. That chapter 5, title 16 of the Code, be and the same is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing the following section as section 2469½: “During the month of January of each year, the
3 clerk of the Circuit Court shall cite every executor and administrator who has failed to
4 make a final settlement as provided in the previous section, to appear at the next term of
5 said court and show cause why he has failed. If such executor or administrator neglects
6 to appear, or if appearing he does not show reasonable cause for his failure to make the
7 final settlement, he shall forfeit one hundred dollars to be recovered for the benefit of the
8 estate as provided in section 2482.”

SEC. 7. That section 2475 of the Code be repealed and the following section be enacted in
2 lieu thereof.

3 SEC. 2475. “Any person interested in the estate may attend upon the settlement of ac-
4 counts by the executor and contest the same. No final settlement of an estate shall be
5 valid unless notice shall be served upon the heirs, devisus, legatees, and widow or hus-
6 band of the decedent, in the same manner as is provided for the commencement of civil
7 actions, and unless notice thereof as to the other parties be served by publishing it four
8 consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in the county to
9 be selected by the clerk, the last of which publication shall be completed ten days be-
10 fore the first day of the term at which the final settlement is made.”